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Subject: Attorney General John Ashcroft Letter

> Attached is the letter we have drafted for you based on your comments. Please review it and make changes to anything that does not represent what you think. If you received this letter by fax, you can photocopy it onto your business letterhead; if the letter was emailed, just print it out on your letterhead. Then sign and fax it to the Attorney General. We believe that it is essential to let our Attorney General know how important this issue is to their constituents.

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January 22, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft and the Department of Justice have spent more than enough time hashing out the particulars of the antitrust case in the federal courts. Three years have gone by already, and it is high time that this suit should be settled. Unfortunately, even now as a settlement is pending in the federal courts, Microsoft's competitors and the nine states in which they have sufficient influence, are seeking to undermine the settlement and continue litigation against the Microsoft Corporation. I do not believe this would serve the best interests of the public, the economy, or the technology industry.

In November of last year, Microsoft and the Justice Department were able to reach an agreement that satisfies the demands of justice. Microsoft has agreed to a variety of terms under the agreement, some of which are restrictive, and some of which require changes in its products and procedures. Microsoft has, for example, agreed not to take retaliatory action against any party that introduces a product into the market that directly competes with Microsoft software. Microsoft has also agreed to provide third parties acting under the terms of the settlement with a license to applicable intellectual property rights, so that they will have the ability to work within the Windows operating system.

I believe the settlement is fair. I urge you to endorse the finalization of the settlement as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Martin Perry

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